

**PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2016
PAROWAN CITY OFFICES, 35. E. 100 N., 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Donald G. Landes, Councilwoman Vickie Hicks, Councilmen Alan Adams, Ben Johnson, Jay Orton and Steve Thayer, City Attorney Justin Wayment, City Manager Shayne Scott, City Recorder Callie Bassett

MEMBERS ABSENT: No members were absent.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Chuck and Dottie Stade, Lisa Ewell, Jim Shurtleff, Heather Shurtleff, John Gibson, Chad Reid, Marge Cipkar, Earl Olsen, Jerry and Patti Vesely, Mark Barton, Paul K. Smith (Parowan PD) Stacey Carpenter, Ken Carpenter (Parowan Police Chief), Emily Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Landes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES/THOUGHT/PRAYER – BEN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson offered the invocation. He then led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY CONFLICTS OR PERSONAL INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA WHICH NEEDS TO BE DECLARED? No conflicts were declared.

CONSENT MEETING

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 28, 2016 City Council Meeting)
PURCHASE ORDERS/WARRANT REGISTER**

Councilwoman Hicks moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Orton seconded the motion. Councilman Thayer asked if the amount paid to UAMPS was normal. Mr. Scott said it is for this time of year. Mr. Thayer also asked about the payment to Randall Allen. Attorney Wayment explained that because of the court, we are required to have a public defender. This is Mr. Allen's retainer fee.

The Council voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION MEETING

PAROWAN CITY GOALS 2016: Councilman Johnson moved to approve the Parowan City Goals 2016 as written. Councilman Thayer seconded the motion. Councilman Thayer told Mr. Scott that he believes the Council should take a tour of the City's properties and make sure they are cleaned up before we ask the residents to clean up their properties.

The Council voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

WORK MEETING

LIBRARY PRESENTATION – JOHN GIBSON: Mr. Gibson introduced Mr. Chad Reid, the Chairman of the Cedar City Livestock and Heritage Festival. Mr. Reid said they just celebrated their 10th year of the festival this past year. The festival has been much more successful than they ever thought it could be. As part of that festival, they try to honor their livestock heritage.

Mr. Reid said the branding of livestock is one of the most unique tools used by the livestock industry. Brands are used to identify the owner of livestock, which helps to eliminate confusion and theft. Each brand must be unique. The shape, symbol and placement of the brand must be registered with the State Department of Agriculture to be legal.

Mr. Reid said Iron County has registered brands dating back to 1851. The Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival Committee has spent over a hundred and fifty hours collecting Iron County family brands this past year. Over 100 brands are represented in their collection. As part of this project they made both blankets and wild rags (or neckerchiefs) with all of the brands represented. Mr. Gibson, one of the committee members and resident of Parowan, used his talents to create a beautiful frame to enclose a wild rag with 101 Iron County brands. Mr. Reid presented this to Parowan City Librarian Kristen Robinson to hang in the new City Offices or the Parowan Library as a symbol of the proud history of agriculture as played in Parowan, Iron County, and Southern Utah both past and present.

Mr. Reid also presented Mrs. Robinson with a copy of the book they compiled on the history of agriculture in this area, including all of the brands that were registered in this county from 1854 to 1870, the earliest settlement in the county. Mr. Reid also added that they are extremely proud to have had two Parowan residents serve as Grand Marshall of the Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival – Mr. Glen Halterman and Mrs. Donna Mitchell.

IRON COUNTY REST HOME PROPOSAL: Mr. Scott explained to the new Council members that Parowan City seeded money to the State last year to help keep the Iron County Rest Home running and viable. That money did what it was intended to do.

Mayor John Brammall explained that for the past year, with the help of the City, they were able to participate in a program where the State and Federal governments worked together to help save nursing home facilities from going under. The City gave the State seed money, which they got back, and in turn the State and Federal government funded the nursing home's debt and allowed it to break even for the year. This program was only good for one year.

Mr. Brammall would now like the City to again assist the Iron County Nursing Home by participating in the Upper Limit Payment program. In this program, the City again provides seed money to the State (between \$7,000 – \$9,000/month, paid quarterly), and the State and Federal governments fund the nursing home. In this agreement, however, the City becomes the owner of the license to operate the nursing home facility, and the nursing facility leases the license to operate from the City (\$10,000/month.) This program allows the facility to become profitable, and allows the City to make a profit as well.

Attorney Wayment needs to review the agreement that was sent to him. This item will be on the next work meeting.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT INITIATIVE ON HB 362:

Mr. Scott said this was discussed last year. The decision to make HB 362 a ballot initiative is actually up to Iron County. HB 362 “reformed the state gas tax, and authorizes a local option transportation sales tax to allow for priority investment in state and local roads, transit and bike facilities” (Utah Transportation Coalition). It is up to the County to decide if they want this to be a ballot initiative. This resolution shows the County that Parowan City is in favor of the ballot initiative.

The general consensus of the Council is it is a good idea. The Council thinks it would be a good idea to wait until this legislative session is over to do anything. Councilman Johnson suggested filling in the highlighted areas on the resolution to have it ready for when the session is over.

SPLASH PAD LOCATION/PROCESS:

Councilman Johnson said it is one of the City’s goals to get the splash pad completed this year. A decision needs to be made as to where to put it. The Youth Council met and said they would like to see it in the Main Street Park, perhaps by the rose garden and Old Rock Church. Councilman Orton added that this is the preference of the Shade Tree Committee.

Councilman Johnson said his preference is to keep the splash pad in the Main Street Park so that people can use it and then visit the down town businesses. He feels this will be an economic boost for our City. Council Thayer said his only concern is if there will still be room for all of the activities that are held in the park, since the new restrooms took up a lot of green space. Councilman Orton said the Shade Tree Committee has concerns that the splash pad could distract from the Veterans’ Memorial Monument. They do not want to see that happen.

Attorney Wayment suggested the Northeast corner of the park. It is far enough from the swing sets that kids won’t be putting gravel in it, and it would be very visible. Councilman Johnson said he feels this should go back to the TARP committee and get their recommendation. The Council agreed with this suggestion.

AGREEMENT WITH PARAGONAH FOR POLICE COVERAGE:

Mr. Barton from Paragonah said their Council met with Reed Erickson and he explained where the County is coming from and how they got their numbers. He said the County wants Paragonah to pay a percentage of runs of the Sheriff’s complete budget, which is a multi-million dollar budget. That is why the numbers are so high. Paragonah’s board would like to contract with Parowan City. Mr. Scott said there is a breakdown of the County’s costs in the Council’s packets.

Councilman Adams is concerned about the numbers and feels that Parowan should charge much more the \$12,500. He feels the cost to the City will be much higher than this. He asked what services Paragonah is expecting Parowan Police Department to provide. Mr. Barton said they are currently just looking to have emergency response.

Councilman Johnson said he is supportive of the \$12,500 as long as the City assesses the costs. He doesn't want to see Parowan Police Department get to a point where it is relying on those funds from Paragonah to support their department. He also doesn't want to see Parowan subsidizing Paragonah. Councilman Thayer added that he feels we should provide service to Paragonah, and he doesn't think that Parowan is going to be affected by our police officers going over there. He would like Paragonah to evaluate the cost and bring back what they feel is a fair cost.

Councilman Orton asked if, after the cost are evaluated and the City finds that it is going to cost Parowan more than \$12,500, is it possible to come to Paragonah for the funds for the remainder of the year. Mr. Barton said he can't speak for his whole Council, but he isn't opposed to that as long as it isn't an extreme amount of money. It would extend their budget as it is. Mr. Barton said that they realize that they are going to have to work into taxes and get more funds. It is just going to take time. Councilwoman Hicks added that Chief Carpenter is able to provide the Council with a breakdown of actual calls responded to, serious calls, and reports taken over the phone.

Chief Carpenter said it isn't going to make a difference to Parowan if its police officers patrol over in Paragonah. We won't lose anything. Parowan PD is usually the first responders to Paragonah's emergency calls anyway because the Sheriff Deputies have to travel farther. The Sheriff Department has taken care of the everyday, run of the mill calls and Parowan hasn't responded to those. He said if Parowan PD is the closest in proximity to an emergency call, they are going to be the responders. They back up the Sheriff's Department as well as Brian Head's Police Department. Chief Carpenter said that in his opinion, whatever money we get from Paragonah is going to be a net savings for Parowan City.

Chief Carpenter said that Paragonah residents will not be getting the same service that Parowan residents are getting. Last year Paragonah had 70 calls for service and 30 reports. Right now, in less than a month and a half, Parowan has already made over 40 reports. Paragonah does not have the same requirements for law enforcement that Parowan requires. Chief Carpenter said if this were going to be a burden on the Parowan Police Department where he didn't think they could effectively do it without adding officers and other things, there wouldn't even be a discussion. Chief Carpenter feels confident that this is something that they can handle without any problem.

Mayor Landes said he would like to move this to the next action meeting. Mr. Scott said Attorney Wayment has agreed to write up the agreement. He will have this ready for the next meeting.

LION'S PARK RESTROOM PROJECT:

Mr. Scott said this agenda item is coming from staff. It has become a high priority item. He said what precipitated this conversation is the fact that the City received some money from the sale of the ambulance shed. It also received some TRT Grant funds from Iron County for this specific project. With this money, money from the General Fund, and Park Impact Fees, this project could be done the right way.

The staff would like to tear down the old building and build a new one. They would also like to re-roof the pavilion if there is enough money in the project. Mr. Scott said the staff is willing to do as much as possible in house. Councilman Johnson suggested maybe adding a concession stand for use at the park. Mr. Scott said this could be looked at.

Mr. Scott said the staff could start taking the building down within the month. This project absolutely must be done by August 1st for the Iron County Fair. Councilman Orton added that making these improvements is money well spent. It is something that has needed to be done for a long time. He would also like to see the re-roof of the pavilion included as part of the project and not as a side note. Mr. Scott said that the money is available in the general fund. Councilman Thayer said it would be great to get volunteers involved in this. It would be great to incorporate this into the annual Clean-Up Day.

PARAGONAH BYPASS VALVE: Mr. Scott said Mr. Von Mellor isn't ready to talk about this item too much yet, but would like the Council to start thinking about. Mr. Mellor has some conditions that the Council should agree to. There will be more information coming.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilman Steve Thayer reported that the Theater Board is sponsoring the spring play "Cheaper by the Dozen". Lisa Cox is directing this. It will be April 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, and 11. The Theater Board would like to see some eagle projects done at the theater. There is some need there. He also reported that in the Water Board meeting they discussed that where the Main Canyon Well is there is a lot of old equipment that needs to be cleared out. This will probably need to come before the City Council. The new well may be on line around June 1st. He said also that where the two creeks meet before the weirs there is a big sand bar that needs to be dredged.

Councilman Orton said he met with the Shade Tree committee. They are going through the planning process for the Unit 2 tree planting that will take place in May. Also, Saturday, April 30th, is the community Arbor Day event where there will be some tree planting and clean up around the Veteran's Memorial where the spruce trees are coming down. There will be some speakers that will talk about the war memorial as well as the rose garden. This will be advertised.

Councilwoman Hicks reported that the Chamber had their annual membership drive. They had a breakfast and encouraged people to join the chamber. She also met with Mr. Scott and Mrs. Diane Bixman to learn and understand how the budget for PAAL works.

Councilman Adams reported that he met with the Parowan Heritage Foundation. There was a quilt made for Parowan's birthday a few years ago by Ava Chamberlain. It has been displayed at the State Capital and in different venues around the state of Utah. The Heritage Foundation would like to find a permanent home for it. Councilman Adams asked if there might be a place in the City Office for this. He asked if this could be taken up with staff to find a place for it.

Councilman Adams also reported that at the Meeks cabin there is a tree on the NW corner that is causing problems. They are going to remove it. He asked if the City has decided on date for the

Clean-Up day. Councilman Johnson said the City would like to piggy back with the schools when they do their clean up projects. That would be the weekend before graduation. Councilman Adams said he would like to include the Heritage Park in this. Councilman Johnson asked about coordinating with the churches. Councilman Adams thought this was a good idea. He said there is a 6" line up there that needs to be replaced and asked if the City can do that. He also reported that the Summer Solstice at the Gap will be on June 18th. They are going to have a Dutch oven dinner and workshops.

Councilman Johnson reported that the Youth Council met and they are regrouping on the Dinner and a Movie night. They are going to talk to the Chamber to see if they are willing to donate towards this. They discussed the splash pad location. Councilman Johnson wanted to share a thought he has about the Lion's Park. He is wondering about displays through the park at Christmastime along the Canyon Road by local businesses advertising their business. The City would need to provide the power, and they would need to be well done displays. These could be turned on as part of the Christmas lighting parade.

Councilman Johnson also reported that he would love to see an approved Eagle Scout projects list put on the City website. Chief Carpenter said that would need to be coordinated with David Schiers, who is on the Eagle Board and is responsible for approving Eagle projects. Councilman Johnson also said he is working with SUU students to help survey trails for the trails master plan. He said there is a young lady who wants to do her Edge project with branding and would like to help Parowan with that. There is also a Masters student doing his major research project on attracting young families to rural communities. He is going to do that for Parowan and get the information to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT & DISCUSSION – TWO MINUTE LIMIT EACH:

Mr. Jim Shurtleff respectfully requested that the City keep the splash pad as far away from the Veteran's Memorial monument as possible. He said he can see kids coming off the splash pad and using the monument as a jungle gym. He said it deserves more respect than a place for kids to hang their towels coming off of the splash pad. As a veteran and as a citizen of this community, he asked that the Council protect the dignity of that monument and keep it a respectful place.

Councilman Johnson asked Mr. Shurtleff if the area by the rose garden was far enough away. Mr. Shurtleff felt that was even a little too close. Councilman Adams asked if there was any more thought of moving that monument up to the cemetery. Mr. Shurtleff said now that they are going to clear away the trees, it will be more visible where it is. There is discussion of putting a different monument up at the cemetery.

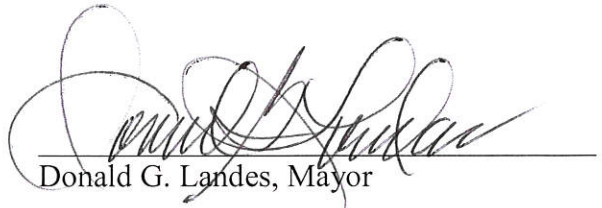
Mr. Jerry Vesely said that he has couple of public safety issues he would like to talk about. He said he lives 1.1 miles from the Maverik on Old Hwy 91. There are 48 potholes between his house and the Maverik, ranging in size from the size of his fist to one that is 48" across and 2" deep. He said the public works department has tried diligently to patch those potholes, but it is a band aid fix. Any time it rains or the snow melts, the water removes the dirt. He asked whose responsibility it is to patch those, and why are we doing band aid fixes. He feels there should be an asphalt fix so they can be done with it.

Mr. Scott told Mr. Vesely that it just takes money. He said there are many people who would talk about their location. Every day he hears about someone who wants their road fixed or their pot holes fixed. He said we can't pothole right now due to weather. Mr. Scott said we are looking at this. Councilman Johnson added that it is high priority and one of the Council's goals. He told Mr. Vesely about the study the City had done about all the roads in town, and the City would need \$360,000 a year to make the changes needed. The City does not have that. He said we need to do a better job with what we have.

Mr. Vesely said the other issues are the corners of Main Street and Center, and Main Street and 200 S. These are two way stops, and people who don't live here think they are 4 way stops. They are causing all kinds of near miss accidents. Mr. Vesely asked if it was possible to put signs on the stop signs that say 2-way stop. Mr. Scott said the problem is that is a UDOT road, so anything done on that road has to be done by UDOT. Mr. Scott said the City begged and pleaded for a flashing stop sign. Mr. Vesely asked if there could be more patrolling. Chief Carpenter said this is a common area that the police patrol. When the police presence is there, people stop.

Mr. Vesely said the suggested splash pad locations are going to take away from Mrs. Jet Smith's revenue booth space for Parowan City Events. He suggested looking at the NE corner of the park.

ADJOURN: Councilman Thayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion with all Council members voting in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Donald G. Landes, Mayor



Callie Bassett, City Recorder